GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2788
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INDIANS LANGUISHING IN JAILS OF GULF COUNTRIES
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians freed from the jails of various Gulf countries owing to the efforts made by the Union Government during the last three years, country-wise;

(b) the number of Indians still languishing in the jails of Gulf countries for alleged crimes; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to get the remaining Indians released?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) A statement containing the information is attached.

(c) As soon as an Indian diplomatic Mission/Post is informed of the arrest of an Indian national, a request is made to the host Government for seeking consular access. An officer of the Mission/Post visits the detainee to ascertain the circumstances leading to the arrest. Where necessary, the Mission/Post takes up the matter with the host Government for speedy and fair trial and also for review of the sentence. The prisoners are normally released on completion of their sentences. In deserving cases, our Missions/Posts approach the local authorities for remission of sentences.
Statement

Indians languishing in jails of Gulf Countries

Country	Number of prisoners (July, 2000)	Number of prisoners released (w.e.f. 1.1.98) till date unless otherwise specified
Bahrain	131	34
Iran	10	Nil
Iraq	Nil	Nil
Kuwait	107	Nil
Qatar	56	300 (w.e.f. Jan., 99)
Sultanate of Oman	14	Nil
Rep. of Yemen	02	10
	Last 6 years	
Saudi Arabia	768	Nil
United Arab Emirates	800	Nil
Total	1888	344